

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001

Before Commissioners:

Robert G. Taub, Acting Chairman;
Nanci E. Langley, Vice Chairman;
Mark Acton; and
Tony Hammond

Competitive Product Prices
International Business Reply Service Competitive
Contract 3 (MC2011-21)
Negotiated Service Agreement

Docket No. CP2014-44

ORDER CONDITIONALLY GRANTING MOTION FOR TEMPORARY RELIEF

(Issued April 22, 2016)

The negotiated service agreement approved in this proceeding (Existing Agreement) is set to expire April 30, 2016.¹ The Postal Service has filed a signed renewal agreement in Docket No. CP2016-152 that it states is intended to go into effect on May 1, 2016.²

On April 21, 2016, the Postal Service filed a motion for temporary relief in which it requests the Commission to “continue to list the [Existing Agreement]...on the Mail Classification Schedule until the sooner of (1) April 30, 2016, if the Commission completes its review of the successor agreement filed in Docket No. CP2016-152 by

¹ See Order Approving International Business Reply Service Competitive Contract 3 Negotiated Service Agreement, April 23, 2014, at 2 (Order No. 2062).

² Docket No. CP2016-152, Notice of the United States Postal Service Filing of a Functionally Equivalent International Business Reply Service Competitive Contract 3 Negotiated Service Agreement, April 15, 2016, at 3.

April 29, 2016; or (2) the business day after the Commission completes its review of the successor agreement, thereby replacing the earlier potential termination date that the Postal Service filed in this docket.”³

The Motion is granted. Allowing the Existing Agreement to remain in effect temporarily is in the public interest and will not prejudice any person. However, for the agreement to remain in effect beyond April 30, 2016, it will be necessary for the Postal Service to amend Article 11 of the Existing Agreement to extend the term of the agreement and to file such amendment with the Commission.⁴

It is ordered:

1. The Motion of the United States Postal Service for Temporary Relief Concerning International Business Reply Service Competitive Contract 3 Negotiated Service Agreement, filed April 21, 2016, is granted as discussed in the body of this Order.
2. For the Existing Agreement to remain on the Mail Classification Schedule beyond April 30, 2016, the Postal Service must amend the term of the Existing Agreement and file such amendment with the Commission.

By the Commission.

Stacy L. Ruble
Secretary

³ Motion of the United States Postal Service for Temporary Relief Concerning International Business Reply Service Competitive Contract 3 Negotiated Service Agreement, April 21, 2016, at 1 (Motion).

⁴ See Notice of the United States Postal Service Filing of a Functionally Equivalent International Business Reply Service Competitive Contract 3 Negotiated Service Agreement, April 14, 2014, Attachment 1 at 4 (“The Agreement will remain in effect for two calendar years from the Effective Date, unless terminated sooner pursuant to Article 12 or Article 13.”). The two calendar years expires April 30, 2016. Order No. 2062 at 6.